

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
Staff CLASS MEETING
Thursday, June 8, 2023
3:15pm- 4:15pm

Welcome- The welcome was given by Jackie Burton and Michelle Furlow at 3:25 pm.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes are to be approved at the Annual Board Meeting.

Speaker- Michelle discussed duties and possible topics of the staff class. Jackie encouraged staff, parents and friends of Head Start to participate in the Class meetings.

Class Officer Elections/ Critical Issues- Holly Shaver and Rachel Rucker of Save the Children, volunteered as possible members of the Staff Class.

Arkansas Head Start Association's Strategic Plan- The Strategic Plan is due September 20, 2023. Goal #3 and #5 need volunteers to help complete the goals.

Dollar per Child- Dollar per child money was collected during the meeting. Jackie Burton stated the Staff Class always donates the most money during meetings. She wanted to maintain this status.

Birthday Celebrations- The "birthday" song was sung to attendees celebrating a June birthday.

Summary/ Closing- An attendee commented that there were great sessions at the institute and he enjoyed Stephen Fite's music and Mr. Stan's storytelling. He is excited about returning next year. Michelle Furlow commented that she wants to see programs better informed of the Staff Class. Hoping this will encourage more agency participation. A concern was shared by an attendee. She wanted the conference held during a time more classroom teachers could attend. Michelle discussed that the planning committee considered the dates and time of year of the conference with teachers in mind, but there is not a time that meets the needs of every agency. Sherry Toney asked that the importance of the annual meeting be discussed. Jackie Burton addressed the question.

The meeting ended at 4:04 pm.